

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
Executive Council

COLIN VAN OSTERN
EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR
DISTRICT TWO



STATE HOUSE ROOM 207
107 NORTH MAIN STREET
CONCORD, NH 03301
(603) 271-3632

Friends,

August 7, 2015

I hosted public discussions about protecting access to quality healthcare in New Hampshire across my district last week, and these same health care issues dominated this week's Governor & Council meeting as well.

The Executive Council ended **state funding for birth control, cancer screenings, and other preventive care** accessed by nearly 13,000 women and families at Planned Parenthood health centers in Keene, Claremont, Manchester, Derry and Exeter, while passing identical contracts in other parts of the state with other health centers. [Here is an op/ed I wrote about why this funding is critical](#); I was disappointed that the vote failed 3-2, with Councilor Sununu reversing his past support to join Councilors Kenney & Wheeler in opposition, and Councilor Pappas joining me in support.

The Council unanimously approved the state's plan to continue and expand a **managed care system** for Medicaid patients in our state ([summary here](#)) – while not perfect, the benefits have been tremendous, including nearly 42,000 citizens newly accessing coverage this past year whose coverage would stop if the plan were voted down.

The Council also approved a \$2.5 million federal grant to **combat substance abuse**, and continued to accept grants to fund the state's new coordinator role for substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery issues, Jack Wozmak, by a vote of 4-1, with Councilor Sununu voting against.

In addition, the Council passed 102 items of note, including:

- **In Central NH:** homeless housing & emergency solution grants; a contract with Nobis Engineering for polluted site assessment & cleanup; maintenance dredging by the public boat ramp behind Everett arena in Concord; new design plans for the new women's prison; and additional roof support work to repair & repaint the State House dome.
- **In the Monadnock Region:** homeless housing & emergency solutions grants; sale of 0.5 acre of state land in Hancock to an adjacent landowner; and funding for bridge repair in Winchester and Swanzey.
- **In Strafford Co:** Confirmation of Captain David Duncan Devoy III, Dover, NH, to the rank of Major, NH Army National Guard; 6 month lease extension for Rochester Health & Human Services district office while bids for long term lease requested; and homeless & emergency solution grants.
- **Statewide issues:** Pennichuck Water Works financing; health care items mentioned above; and continued implementation of the Controlled Drug Prescription Health & Safety Program.
- **Appointments & Confirmations:** 25 confirmations were approved to state agencies, board & commissions, and 10 new nominations were made by Governor Hassan for a vote at next meeting.

Please note ***that I will host our next Governor & Council meeting in DOVER, NH on Wed 8/26*** with breakfast at the Children's Museum of NH at 8am and the meeting across the street at 7th Settlement at 10am.

Sincerely,
Colin
Executive Councilor, District 2

[FULL 8/05 AGENDA WITH ALL 103 ITEMS](#)

(or follow the links below for documentation of each item)

FULL INFORMATION ON ITEMS MENTIONED ABOVE

1. DETAIL: CENTRAL NH

[#15](#) Authorized to enter into **retroactive** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated July 7, 2015, for the provision of Emergency Solutions Grant services, in an amount not to exceed \$627,176. Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#16](#) Authorized to enter into **retroactive** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated July 7, 2015, for the administration of the Homeless Housing and Access Revolving Loan Fund program, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. **100% General Funds.**

[#66](#) Authorized to enter into a contract with Nobis Engineering Inc., Concord, NH, to perform site investigations, Brownfields assessments, cleanup planning and remediation services at petroleum and hazardous waste contaminated sites, MtBE sites and Brownfields sites, in the amount of \$2,380,000. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2019. **100% Other Funds.**

[#69](#) Authorized the City of Concord's request to perform work on the Upper Merrimack River, Concord, NH.

[#103](#) Authorized the Division of Public Works Design and Construction to **retroactively** enter into a **sole source** contract amendment for architectural and engineering services with SMRT Inc., Portland, ME (originally approved by G&C on 9-18-13, item #27F), for Supplemental Design Services for the NH State Prison for Women, Concord, NH, by increasing the amount by \$1,037,994 from \$2,438,300 to \$3,476,294, and by extending the end date from December 10, 2014 to September 30, 2017. **100% Capital (General) Funds.**

[#101](#) Authorize the Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction to enter into a contract with Turnstone Corporation, Milford, NH, for the State House Dome Repairs – Platform Construction, Concord, NH, for a total price not to exceed \$971,100. (2)Further authorize a contingency in the amount of \$50,000 for unanticipated structural expenses for the State House Dome Repairs – Platform Construction, bringing the total to \$1,021,100. (3)Further authorize the amount of \$9,275 for payment to the Department of Administrative Services, Bureau of Public Works Design and Construction, for Capital Clerk oversight services provided, bringing the total to \$1,030,375. Effective upon G&C approval through November 2, 2015. **100% Capital – General Funds.**

2. DETAIL: MONADNOCK REGION

[#13](#) Authorized to enter into a **sole source** agreement with Southwestern Community Services Inc., Keene, NH, to provide a permanent housing program to facilitate the movement for four homeless families in which one adult or child has a disability, to stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency through the Federal Continuum of Care program, in an amount not to exceed \$66,421. Effective November 1, 2015, or upon G&C approval, whichever is later, through October 31, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#15](#) Authorized to enter into **retroactive** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated July 7, 2015, for the provision of Emergency Solutions Grant services, in an amount not to exceed \$627,176. Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#16](#) Authorized to enter into **retroactive** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated July 7, 2015, for the administration of the Homeless Housing and Access Revolving Loan Fund program, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. **100% General Funds.**

[#38](#) Authorized the Bureau of Right of Way to sell a 0.5 +/- of an acre parcel of State owned land located on the westerly side of US Route 202 in the Town of Hancock to Robert M. Magie and Patricia C. Magie for \$5,100 which includes a \$1,100 Administrative fee. Effective upon G&C approval. Originally purchased with 80% Federal, 20% Highway Funds.

[#42](#) Authorized the Bureau of Planning and Community Assistance to enter into agreement with the Towns of Swanzey and Winchester to provide funding and services under the National Historic Covered Bridge Preservation Program and the State Aid Bridge Program through a Department-Managed process, in the total amount of \$777,600. Effective upon G&C approval through June 30, 2017. **80% Federal, 16% State Aid Bridge, 4% Local Match Funds.**

3. DETAIL: STRAFFORD COUNTY

Authorized the confirmation of Captain David Duncan Devoy III, Dover, NH, to the rank of Major, NH Army National Guard.

[#9](#) Authorized to enter into a **retroactive sole source** amendment to an existing lease with the City of Rochester, NH (originally approved by G&C on 6-22-05, item #317A), for continued occupation by the Rochester District Office by increasing the price in the amount of \$137,625 to \$2,847,812.50 from \$2,710,187.50, and by extending the term from June 30, 2015 to December 31, 2015. **60% General, 40% Federal Funds.**

[#15](#) Authorized to enter into **retroactive** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated July 7, 2015, for the provision of Emergency Solutions Grant services, in an amount not to exceed \$627,176. Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. **100% Federal Funds.**

[#16](#) Authorized to enter into **retroactive** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated July 7, 2015, for the administration of the Homeless Housing and Access Revolving Loan Fund program, in an amount not to exceed \$100,000. Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. **100% General Funds.**

4. STATEWIDE PROJECTS AND POLICIES

[#5](#) Authorized to hold a Public Hearing with respect to the financing and refinancing of industrial water facilities by the Business Finance Authority for Pennichuck Water Works, Inc. at various locations within the State of New Hampshire. Action will authorize a Resolution under RSA 162-I:9 to determine the financing will serve a public use, provide public benefit and is within the policy and authority of the Act.

[#7](#) Authorized the Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Services to accept and expend Substance Abuse Prevention & Treatment Block Grant federal funds from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of \$2,500,000. Effective upon G&C approval through September 30, 2015. **100% Federal Funds. Fiscal Committee approved.**

[#18](#) Authorized Maternal and Child Health Section, Family Planning Program to enter into **retroactive** agreements with the vendors as detailed in letter dated July 15, 2015, to provide family planning services, in an amount not to exceed \$1,070,000. Effective July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. **15.89% Federal, 84.11% General Funds.**

[#45](#) Authorized to accept and expend grant funds in the amount of \$112,500 from the NH Charitable Foundation, Oliver J. and Dorothy Penniman Hubbard New Futures Fund, for the continued support of a Senior Behavioral Health Coordinator. Effective **retroactive** to July 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. (2) Further authorized to amend item #39A, originally approved by G&C on December 3, 2014, by changing the end date, **retroactive** from June 30, 2015 to December 31, 2015, for the purpose of continuing a non-classified position, Senior Behavioral Health Coordinator, as established for the purpose of improving coordination of NH's substance use and other behavioral health policies to better combat substance misuse and to reduce long-term costs to the state, counties, local communities and business. Effective upon G&C approval through December 31, 2015. **Fiscal Committee approved.**

[#70](#) Authorized to **retroactively** amend item #36, originally approved by G&C on February 28, 2014, to complete the implementation of the Controlled Drug Prescription Health and Safety Program, by extending the end date from June 30, 2015 to December 31, 2015. No Additional Funding. (2) Further authorized to **retroactively** amend item #36, originally approved by G&C on February 28, 2014, to extend the temporary full-time position, Class 059, Administrator I, labor grade 27, from June 30, 2015 to December 31, 2015. (3) Further authorized to **retroactively** amend item #57, originally approved by G&C on July 24, 2013, to extend the temporary part-time position, Class 50, Administrator I, labor grade 27, from June 30, 2015 to December 31, 2015. **100% Transfer from other State Agency. Fiscal Committee approved.**

[#A.](#) Authorized the request of the Department to amend existing individuals agreements with the state's two managed care health plans, Granite State Health Plan, d/b/a New Hampshire Health Families, and Boston Medical Center Health Net Plan, d/b/a Well Sense Health Plan, in order to:

- Extend the agreements for the remainder of the two-year extension period through June 30, 2017 as contemplated by Section 1.3 of the original agreement;
- Expand the population covered in Step 1 managed care medical services to include those persons who previously were permitted to "opt out," the so-called "mandatory population."
- Expand the services covered to include Step 2 Phase 2 waiver services provided to those persons on the Choices for Independence Waiver with a targeted implementation date of January 1, 2016

- Adjust rates to reflect the actuarially certified rate structure for the current Medicaid population and for those persons receiving Step II services under the Choices for Independence Waiver through June 30, 2016 as described in Exhibit B. For convenience of reference, the actuarially certified rate structure for the New Hampshire Health Protection Program population through December 31, 2015, previously approved by G&C, is restated in Exhibit B, and
- Identify the targeted implementation date for phasing into the Care Management program Step II waiver services for those persons receiving nursing care services.

Effective September 1, 2015 to replace the extension approved by G&C on June 24, 2015 and Authorized managed care services to the two managed care organizations through June 30, 2017. This amendment increases the price SFY 2016 price limitation by \$314,265,536 from \$412,045,000 to \$726,310,536 for a cumulative contract value of \$1,629,310,536 for all Medicaid Care Management contracts. **100% Federal Funds for the New Hampshire Health Protection Program, 50% Federal Funds and 50% General Funds for the currently eligible Medicaid population.**

5. DETAIL: APPOINTMENTS AND NOMINATIONS

(* = District 2 Resident)

New Nominations by Governor Hassan:

Board of Acupuncture Licensing

Alice G. Meattley, Dover, NH *

Board of Professional Engineers

Mare W. Morin, Bow, NH

Electricians' Board

Jonathan R. Mitchell, Dover, NH *

Fish and Game Commission

Robert Phillipson, Keene, NH *

Higher Education Commission

Michael E. Diffily, Nashua, NH

Lakes Management Advisory Committee

Frederick C. Clews, Hampton, NH

Personnel Appeals Board

David M. Goldstein, Dover, NH *

Board of Psychologists

Roger L. Peterson, Spofford, NH *

Susan G. Vonderheide, Nashua, NH

University System of New Hampshire Board of Trustees

Wallace Stevens, Exeter, NH

Confirmed by the Council:

Brian A. Cashman, Litchfield, NH to the Adult Parole Board

Charles W. Chandler, Warren, NH to the Cannon Mountain Advisory Commission

Laurence W. Getman, Bow, NH to the Compensation Appeals Board

Linda L. Brownson, Wentworth, NH to the State Conservation Committee

John A. Parker, Merrimack, NH to the State Conservation Committee

Thomas E. Andross, Lisbon, NH to the Enhanced 911 Commission
Terri L. Pastoria, Derry, NH to the Board of Hearing Care Providers
Molly Mahar, North Woodstock, NH to the Joint Promotional Program Screening Committee
James S. Morash, Meredith, NH to the Joint Promotional Program Screening Committee
Jayne S. O'Connor, Franconia, NH to the Joint Promotional Program Screening Committee
Susan C. Kelly, Manchester, NH to the Juvenile Parole Board
Leonard J. Wetherbee, Center Ossipee, NH to the Juvenile Parole Board
Linda L. Brownson, Wentworth, NH to the Lakes Management Advisory Committee
David W. Packard, Goffstown, NH to the Lakes Management Advisory Committee
Michael R. Milligan, Merrimack, NH to the Liquor Commission Deputy Commissioner
Robert H. Wentworth, Raymond, NH to the Manufactured Housing Installations Board
Tanya Rule, Exeter, NH to the Medical Review Subcommittee
Kathryn Hartwell, Concord, NH to the Midwifery Council *

James M. Herbert, Stark, NH to the Nash Stream Forest Citizens Committee
Julia Griffin, Hanover, NH to the Retirement System Board of Trustees
Richard A. Gustafson, Bedford, NH to the Retirement System Board of Trustees
Maureen Kelliher, Dover, NH to the Retirement System Board of Trustees *
Donald M. Roy, Durham, NH to the Retirement System Board of Trustees *
James H. Adams, Pittsfield, NH to the State Veterans Council
Raymond J. Goulet, Manchester, NH to the Board of Managers of the New Hampshire Veterans Home

###